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THE KNOOTHOLE

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

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ARCHIVES

BOTANY TRIPS TO NAPLES

On Saturday, October 26, the Botany Club once again witnessed economic botany in action with its annual trip to Widmer's Winery, in Naples, N.Y. Five cars containing 20 people departed from behind Moon Library at 8:00 a.m., four of which traveled directly to Naples. The fifth was forced to detour to rouse Rich Feldman out of bed ("The ----- alarm clock didn't go off!"), and was further delayed at a mini-roadblock consisting of one State Trooper ("...and take it easy on those free samples.")

Once at the winery, we participated in the grand tour of the wine making process. We learned all about the harvesting of grapes, the extraction of the juice, and the different types of wine produced by the winery. We also learned about the various techniques and processes employed to bring out the special characteristics of the different wines. Especially prominent in the tour were the large tanks and wooden casks designed to store, ferment, and mix the various wines. Incidentally, a major restructuring of Dendro I will take place as a result of the tour, since Dr. Ketchledge must now announce that White oak was used to make the century old 9500 gallon wine casks, which were originally used in Europe.

The tour was completed in the Chalet Wine Shop, where all were treated to a glass of Lake Niagara. Al Mollitor put on an excellent exhibition of wine-drinking technique, chugging a whole glass before all the wine leaked out of the defective bottom. Finally, the whole group went upstairs to purchase a bottle or two of their favorites.

Four cars headed back to Syracuse, enjoying the beauty of Finger Lakes country, with its farmlands nearing the end of harvest, its crystal blue lakes, and its gently rolling topography. The blue sky continued on p. 2

STUDY IN SCOTLAND

Undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to spend the coming winter interim at the University of Stirling in Scotland studying Nineteenth Century Britain and Scotland. The program dates are December 27 to January 18. The program is open to all students, including non-SUNY students. The only prerequisite is a semester course of literature. In addition to a series of lectures by leading British university professors the program features a number of field trips as well as a 5 day visit to London. The University of Stirling is centrally located midway between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Interested students should contact: Professor Anthony O. Tyler, English Department, State University College, Potsdam, New York 13676. Phone: (315) 268-2742. Interested students are urged to apply right away. The cost is \$599 to \$649, depending on final flight arrangements.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

NEEDS STUDENTS

A screening committee is in the process of being formed which will choose eligible members of the faculty as candidates for SUNY's Distinguished Teaching Professorships and Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching. In addition to students from the schools of Biology, Chemistry, and Ecology, Environmental and Resource Engineering, E and R Management, Landscape Architecture and Continuing Education, there will also be a committee of faculty members, headed by Professor Black, which will work with the student committee in finding nominees for the two awards.

Students are still needed from Chem., Engineering, L.A. and Continuing Education. If you're interested, contact Jim Turner or Charlene Hamiwka; or Joan Miller at 472-9593.

LES LAURIERS SONT COUPEES

I'll away to the woods no more, no more
 The laurels are all cut down.
 Where phlox did brighten the soft spring shade
 There grows an unplanned town.

At the rockbound spring where I sat down
 To drink and ease my soul,
 The beech is down, the rock is gone,
 There is left a mud-filled hole.

Where red silt fills the concrete sluice
 I once saw silver minnows play.
 Now dead trees burn where moss and fern
 Once clothed the bulldozed clay.

So I'll not go to the woods again,
 'Though weary my soul of this town.
 My spring is dead, the thrush has fled,
 The laurels are all cut down.

Ethel Dunham

BOTANY...

formed a fitting back drop to the last of the fall colors, highlighted by the milky gold of the Tamaracks.

However, the passengers of the afore mentioned fifth car delayed this experience to initiate the first annual Naples Football Classic, using the infamous balloon ball. Final score: Lake Roselle 50, Lake Niagara 18. Al Mollitor then led the group in the traditional sleep-a-thon on the thruway.

The next Botany Club trip will be to the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva sometime in November. An excursion to the Cornell greenhouses and a lecture by Dr. Ketchledge on Bryophytes are planned for the near future.

Jim Lawler

Editorial Policy:

The Knothole appreciates any articles, short stories, poems, letters, etc. which anyone might be inclined to submit. However, all such literature must be signed. Name will be withheld on request of author.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE MAPLES GONE?

The expansion of our college a few years ago with the building of Illick Hall and Moon Library brought a new sense of pride to campus. The architectural plans called for our state tree, the sugar maple, to gracefully line the new and landscaped quad. Sugar maples are beautiful trees; it was a good choice. Now as I walk through campus I admire the rows of maples and their corky bark. Wait-those aren't sugar maples! Cripe, they must have planted the wrong trees! Well, anyone can make a mistake.

Actually, the hackberries are the second rotation on the quad. The first stand was composed of sugar maples but its duration was similar to that of silage sycamore down south. The maples died rather quickly because of a lack of care and planning. The trees were first set on the ground in preparation of planting; unfortunately for them it froze that week and a lot of their roots probably died. Another lack of foresight was in the soil itself. The people in charge forgot that sugar maple demands a better soil than water logged clay and hardpan. But the trees were put in and soon they came out. Site improvement was started and a less site demanding tree, the American hackberry, was planted around the quad. What we see now are the fruits of many hard years of labor and bureaucratic bungling. These trees are still living and as healthy as tussock moths in a pool of DDT.

Next week - Intermediate treatments in hardwood stands.

Tom Zelker

SENIORS

Signup for senior pictures is still going on but only a few spaces are left. Please go down to the foyer of Moon Library and sign-up if you want to be in the year-book and purchase senior pictures. More time will be allotted if needed - but as it now stands pictures will be taken Nov. 19-22. If there are any problems, please drop a note in the Empire Forester mailbox in the basement of Marshall.

YEARBOOK ADVISORY

The Yearbook Advisory Committee, a standing committee of the Student Council has been reactivated. We are looking for a diversity of student input to help us prepare a questionnaire about this year's book, compile the results, and make recommendations to the yearbook staff.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Council Office. All students interested in being committee members are encouraged to attend. If you can't make the meeting or have any feelings about the book you would like to express, drop a note in the Empire Forester Mailbox.

Al Mollitor

GLORY HALLELUJAH!

Has anyone noticed that 10'x 5' (approximately) piece of concrete in the lawn between Bray and Walters lately? Well it's part of a brand new addition to our campus. Word has leaked out from top level sources that the Syracuse campus of SUNY is about to receive a wonderful gift. It will be a statue of Abraham Lincoln reading a book and riding a horse - at the same time. It will face out towards the parking circle and will symbolize the hard working student. How proper! Many times I have seen good students, after pulling all-nighters, ride to school on their horses, still reading their books right before the big test. This campus has always lacked a good statue and probably still will.

OOPS!

To the editor:

In the photocopied section of the Knothole for 10/31/74 from the August 74 issue of "The Environmental Journal" there is an error.

The chestnut tree described in Longfellow's poem is not an American chestnut, but a Horse chestnut of the Buckeye family. I know

A LIGHT FOR A DUCK'S DARK WORLD

We recently received a fascinating little story from Dr. Arthur G. Peterson of DeBary, Florida, which bears repeating. It seems that a variety of mallard ducks and coots, some domesticated and others migratory, nest on Dr. Peterson's "Beautiful 15-acre, pine-rimmed lake" in Central Florida. Last spring, Dr. Peterson happened to notice some strange behavioral goings-on between two of the mature mallards, and he tells the story: One day I became aware that John-Duck was unusually attentive to Mary-Duck as if he had taken her into protective custody. Since it was not mating season, this puzzled me. Whenever I appeared, even at a distance that he formerly ignored, he would issue an alert in the form of a low "Quack-quack."

When I came near, his quacking became louder and with a tone of anxiety. Then he would head for the lake, quacking loudly all the way. Mary-duck, with evident understanding, tagged close behind him.

I never saw Mary-duck alone, not until one rainy day when she was huddled under a red cedar. This was the opportunity for which I had waited. Quickly I got my fish-landing net over her and soon overcame her struggle.

My suspicion was confirmed. Both of her eyes were opaque. She was stone blind and John-duck was her seeing eye. When I released her she rushed away and bumped into some shrubs. Then she backed off, and headed for the lake.

Before she got there, John-duck met her with reassuring quacks and the indirect vision to guide her in her dark world, as all nature seemed to rejoice.

From Onondaga Outdoors

this from pictures of the tree I've seen years ago in a tree identification handbook. I'm sure that if you research this you will find that the tree is Horse chestnut.

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Michael Selender

CALENDAR

Friday, November 8

7-8 pm, Saengerbund rehearsal in Marshall Auditorium.

8-12 am, Dance in Nifkin Lounge,
Sponsored by the Vet's Club.
\$1-unlimited beer. All ESF
students welcome.

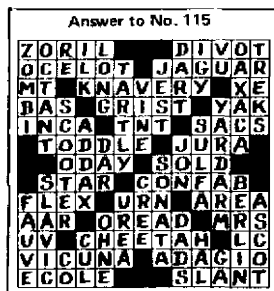
Monday, November 11

7:00 pm, Veteran's Day parade.
Sign-up in 104 Bray, the Vet's
Affairs Office.

Tuesday, November 12

8 00 pm, Meeting of Woodchips, the
organization for wives of For-
estry students. Skytop Ski
Lodge.

7:00 pm, Yearbook Advisory Committee
meeting, Room 18, Moon. Open to
all students. See article on p.3.



SAENGERBUND ◆

OFFICERS, PLANS

On Friday, Nov. 1, the Saengerbund elect-
ed its officers. President is Mary Butler;
Secretary-Treasurer is Joan Barris; and
Karin Carlton is Librarian. The Saengerbund
hopes to become fairly service-oriented,
with concerts at Jamesville Penitentiary,
Van Duyn Nursing Home, and the Veterans'
Hospital in mind.

All those who wish to join the Saenger-
bund are welcome. Rehearsals are from 7-8
PM, Friday nights, in Marshall Auditorium.

Summer Session II was:

Robbie
Sam
The Phantom
Peugot
Zeus
Uncle Steve
The Old Man
Ox
Road Runner
Goggles
Duane
The Hammer (Beanbag)
Mitch (Red Eyes)
Mr. Crud
Mr. Yo-Yo
Alfie
Fish
Bertweiser
Tarzan
Lurch
Chickenfoot
Mr. Boomer
Tools
DVT
Bunsen
Tuna
Hey Baby
Fachime
Wild Bill
Chester!
Choo-choo
The Crooner
Wally
The Doc
Giggles
Don Juan
Queenie (Belle, Buh)
Dot
JWB
Pygmy
Cool
Bernard
Sanford
Duncan
Sandy
Piffel
Ramon de Cocker
The Woodsman
Bucks Bromley (Greendreams)
Wild Al Overfield
The Sleeze
Rapid Roy
Furbearer (Moose)
Columbo
Action
Accu Fullam

